

1 AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 218A IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, when issuing a*
6 *prescription for a narcotic drug to an adult patient for outpatient use for the*
7 *first time, a practitioner shall not issue a prescription for more than a seven*
8 *(7) day supply.*

9 *(b) A practitioner shall not issue a narcotic drug prescription to a minor for*
10 *more than a seven (7) day supply at any time and shall discuss with the*
11 *parent or guardian of the minor the risks associated with opiate use and the*
12 *reasons why the prescription is necessary.*

13 *(2) (a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if, in the professional*
14 *medical judgment of a practitioner, more than a seven (7) day supply of a*
15 *narcotic drug is required to treat the adult or minor patient's acute medical*
16 *condition or is necessary for the treatment of chronic pain management,*
17 *pain associated with a cancer diagnosis or for palliative care, then the*
18 *practitioner may issue a prescription for the quantity needed to treat the*
19 *acute medical condition, chronic pain, pain associated with a cancer*
20 *diagnosis or pain experienced while the patient is in palliative care.*

21 *(b) The condition triggering the prescription of a narcotic drug for more than a*
22 *seven (7) day supply shall be documented in the patient's medical record*
23 *and the practitioner shall indicate that a nonnarcotic drug alternative was*
24 *not appropriate to address the medical condition.*

25 *(3) This section shall not apply to medications designed for the treatment of*
26 *substance abuse or opioid dependence.*